

Richmond's Duty Is to Attend the Auto Show

DOORS READY TO OPEN ON RICHMOND'S FIRST AUTOMOBILE EXHIBIT

Mayor Ainslie Will Turn Switch in Horse Show Building To-Morrow Night at 8 o'Clock, Starting Carnival of Fun, Frolic and Education—Music, Cabaret Performance and Latest in Motor Car Construction Awaits Visitors.

BY GUS MALBERT.

Richmond's first automobile show, under auspices of the Richmond Automobile Dealers' Show Association, will open its doors for popular favor and patronage to-morrow night at 8 o'clock. Mayor Ainslie will turn the switch which is to change the Horse Show Building from a house of darkness into a lighted palace, tinted by myriad hues. Sixty-eight mechanical contrivances, representing the last word in self-propelled vehicles, will be displayed for inspection by the multitudes. An orchestra, especially engaged, will play popular chords from the latest accomplishments of musical authors. Cabaret entertainers, with their medley of song and quip and jibe and dance, are to bid for attention and plaudits. Gilt-badged individuals, bearing proudly upon their chests the particular ribbon of their order, will offer a most cordial welcome. A huge, round-roofed structure, cold and unprepossessing normally, will house you and warm you with a wealth of color and a blaze of glory. Haughty exhibitors will glibly tell you of their wares and explain intricacies and contrivances which you were loth to believe really existed.

That's the news end of Richmond's first automobile show. Just thirteen years ago—a decade plus three years—the first public display of the automobile in all these United States was made. Madison Square Garden, New York City, was the place, and the few who braved the disapproval of their neighbors and attended were greeted with the then complete product. The exhibitors could be counted upon the fingers of the two hands. Engines whose pistons shuttled between insecure and experimental confines were supplied with motive power from steam. Just two manufacturers had left the beaten paths and attempted experiments with the volatile and treacherous gasoline. These two concerns survive. They are the Packard and the Knox. Every exhibit was viewed with concern and alarm. None was willing to admit the possibility of the "horse-less carriage."

That was thirteen years ago. Sixteen Years Old.

Adding three years since the first exhibition of the automobile in this country, or sixteen years ago, the sum total of information as to the motor car came in the nature of unsupported dispatches from across the seas telling of certain experiments by French and German inventors. Skeptics grew vastly faster than the achievements of the experimenters. The innovation was received with alarm, just as was the steamboat and the locomotive a few years before that.

And it all happened within the memory of the present generation. It isn't something recorded in histories. It happened to-day. The youth of yesterday, now riding in his seven-passenger touring car, fully upholstered, equipped with self-starting devices, electric lighted and electric heated, can remember when this latest addition to man's pleasure and comfort was not. Aladdin rubbing the rim of his lamp never accomplished half so much with his genius. The "Arabian Nights" never told so miraculous a story.

In sixteen years the automobile industry has grown from an infant to the happy estate of manhood. It has taken giant strides, and to-day has advanced, in this country at least, beyond all but three of the older established manufacturing enterprises. It's infant, whose birth was reckoned a calamity and whose growth was retarded by prejudice and, at times, wanton disregard for progress, has actually outstripped many of those industries regarded as stable.

Can Hardly Realize Change.

The transition from the days of the horseless carriage to the palace motor car has been so swift that few realize the change as it relates to our social and economical life. At first a thing derided, then feared and then maligned, the motor car has taken a positive part in the development of our social and business life. It is here to stay. It is as much a part of the twentieth century as the one-horse chaise was of the early part of the nineteenth century. The output of the American factories alone is estimated at \$300,000,000. The number of automobiles privately owned has passed the 1,000,000 mark.

Where horse-drawn vehicles were the marvel of an earlier day, the motor-propelled vehicle is looked upon as a necessity of to-day. Neither the railings of a disgruntled few, nor the coldwater methods of an unwilling many could stay the progress of the motor car. It is

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TRINITY WINS HARD CONTEST

Faleigh, N. C., February 15.—In one of the most exciting and closely contested basketball games of the season, A. and M. lost to-night to Trinity College by the score of 22 to 15. The two teams were very evenly matched, each throwing seven field goals, but Trinity, by superior shooting, made good on eight out of eleven chances. In the first half neither side was able to gain a substantial lead, the half ending with the score 9 to 7 in favor of Trinity, and in the second half the Methuens increased their lead two more points. The features of the game were the brilliant work of Terry at center, Phillips and Jeffrey for A. and M., and Siler and White, for Trinity. Line-up: A. and M. Positions. Trinity. Phillips, R. G. Thorn. Jeffrey, L. G. Brin Terry, L. G. Cherry Sumner, R. F. White Mason, L. F. Siler Summary: Official timekeeper, Chesire, of Sowance; umpire, Smith, timekeepers, Hall and Henderson; scorers, Siefert and Warlick. Goals from field—By Phillips, 1; Terry, 4; Sumner, 1; Mason, 1; Siler, 2; White, 2; Cherry, 2; Brin, 1. Goals from fouls—Siler, 8; Sumner, 4. Attendance, 1,100.

Woodberry Beats Fishburne. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Woodberry Forest, Va., February 15.—Woodberry won from Fishburne Military Academy here to-day, 41 to 13. Pop and Dowd led in the scoring, getting eight and seven field goals, respectively.

GEORGETOWN IS FINAL WINNER

Washington, D. C., February 15.—Georgetown defeated Virginia, 28 to 19, at the Arcade to-night in a basketball game somewhat below the standard of the former contest. Neither of the teams seemed to be possessed of much life, and team work and accurate passing, good shooting and speedy dribbles were lacking. Georgetown forward, who has started for the Charlottesville quint during their recent trip, did not possess the speed and ability to shoot that has brought him praise during his recent games. Georgetown got under way several times during the contest and displayed splendid passing, working the ball well up under the net before shooting, but long shots that went wide of the basket marred the work of the local team. Every man on the local caged a basket, C. Campbell getting the largest number—three. The line-up: Georgetown. Position. University of Va. Waldron, R. F. Dill Captain. Martin, L. F. Strickley C. Campbell, C. Rixey Wetzel, R. C. Le Campbell Foley, L. G. Churchman Summary: Position. Captain. Closed Indoor Meet. A closed indoor track meet will be held at the Church Civic Association here next Saturday night. Only members of the C. C. A. will be eligible to compete. Director Tousey will arrange his events to conform with the classifications of the Richmond Athletic Federation. It is expected that at least 100 athletes will compete in the several events.

DIRECTORS OF VIRGINIA LEAGUE



Top row—Secretary Woodall; President Boatwright, West, of Newport News; McCrary, of Norfolk; Lee, of Petersburg; Helms, of Roanoke; Briggs, of Portsmouth; Bradley, of Richmond. —Photos by Foster.

STEVE GRIFFIN IS SATISFIED; LEAGUE ADOPTS SCHEDULE

By Gus Malbert

Thinks Well of Prospects of Landing Winning Team in 1913.

STILL SHOVELING SNOW

Cold Weather Prevails in Toledo, but Leaves Soon for Mt. Clemens.

The bee is buzzing, even in Toledo, O., where lies imprisoned our very own Stephen Griffin, fighting fiercely with one hand and signing baseball players with the other, which feat, if not wholly satisfying, at least furnishes a paradox of wonderful meaning. How one can juggle snowballs and spout baseball prophecies is a secret to all but the scribe and the manager. Steve, being a manager seeks to supply the winter demand for information, even though winter took some time in arriving in these parts. He writes most interestingly of what Richmond's prospects are for next season. While not making predictions—that is positive predictions—he is very much of the opinion that when he arrives on March 20 he will have in hand a very likely team. He is tabulating the number of recruits he saves money. Instead of indulging in an elimination tournament here, he is using the bleak days of snow and ice for this purpose. However, his letter covers pretty nearly everything, and it follows:

Steve's Letter. "While the cold North winds are howling around me and the thermometer is hovering around zero, I will try to be merciful to you and write you a sheet of dope, as I can sympathize with you trying to hold your own against the terrible odds that you have to contend with, and what matter just so it is dope. "You know me well enough to know that I never like to brag about my club as I am about as superstitious on this point as you find them, but I do not think I am bragging, Gus, when I say that I feel confident that with any show of luck we ought to be up among the leaders from the start. I had a letter from Riley this week. Says he is feeling great and is at the same weight now that he was when he went in the hospital, and is counting the days till reporting time. Also had a line from Rodgers, and he says practically the same thing. I only want about twenty or so men to report this spring, as I have such good ones on hand that I will not need a lot of experiments. The only experiments will be the pitchers, and I am getting hold of three or four youngsters now. "Many Young Mounties. "We will have that youngster in Richmond who looks good to so many of them. Phelps is his name, and I have just mailed a contract to Robert Doyle, a youngster highly recommended by Rodgers, and we are also after

HOWITZERS LOSE CLOSE CONTEST

The Howitzers lost a close and interesting game of basketball at the Armory last night to the Cardinal Athletic Club, of Alexandria, by the score of 24 to 23. The game was pretty rough at times, about ten fouls being called on each team. The whole Howitzer team was off color, Lawrence and Tucker being off in their goal throwing. Captain Bell played the most consistent game for the Howitzers, scoring half of his team's points. Thornton, of the Y. M. C. A., refereed a good game. The Cardinal team put up a good game, being especially good at short passing and long goal shooting.

Great Auto Exhibit Features at a Glance

From February 17-22 inclusive. Show opens with speech by Mayor Ainslie to-morrow night at 8 o'clock in Horse Show Building. Each day thereafter show opens at 9 o'clock in morning and continues until 11 o'clock at night. There will be thirty-one exhibits in building. Sixty-eight pleasure vehicles will be shown. Seven trucks and wagons will be exhibited. Lowest price car, \$500. Highest price car, \$8,250. Estimated cost of exhibits \$750,000. Expected attendance, 42,000. Fourteen thousand square feet of floor space is used by exhibitors. Seventy per cent of cars will have electric starting and lighting systems. Opening Monday night, 8 o'clock. Tuesday night, Wednesday. Old Dominion night, Wednesday. Society night, Thursday. Festival night, Friday. Farewell night, Saturday. Under auspices of Richmond Automobile Dealers' Show Association, T. B. Hutchison, manager.

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Program for Cabaret Show at Auto Exhibition

- 1.—Overture.
- 2.—Rafel and Shafer—the Ginger Boys—Songs.
- 3.—Rue Brown—Contralto—Venus Waltz.
- 4.—Interludy Quartet—Songs.
- 5.—The Collins—Dancers.
- 6.—Helen Shipman—Comedienne—"Chicken."
- 7.—Blaze McKenna—Soprano—"Garden of My Heart."
- 8.—Estelle McNeil—Soprano—Rogers.
- 9.—Vess Osman—Banjo Soloist—Dile Medley.
- 10.—Lillian Armstrong—Comedienne—"Row, Row, Row."
- 11.—Helen DeNaurie—the wonderful soprano—Carmen.
- 12.—Rue Brown and entire company—"Jingle Bells" and Good-By, Everybody."
- George Beagler, musical director.

Magnates Start Off as in Olden Days, but Finish Quietly.

HAPPY AT THE BANQUET

Speeches Made, and Everybody Speaks Well of Everybody Else.

HOW VIRGINIA LEAGUE STARTS

Season opens April 17. Closes September 13. Opening games. Petersburg at Richmond. Newport News at Roanoke. Norfolk at Portsmouth.

Promises of an old-fashioned gathering of the Virginia League, when brother faced brother in contemplative mortal combat, came at the gathering of the magnates yesterday in the Richmond Hotel, when L. T. Wilson, recently elected secretary of the Cockade City Baseball Corporation, demanded that Petersburg be given the same consideration as Richmond in fixing the schedule for the season. Petersburg, declared Secretary Wilson, was willing to pay for the privilege of having more week-end series, and even though Goochville was denied this privilege, he was very much of the opinion that Richmond should be made to pay as much for being favored as Petersburg had offered to pay.

The schedule as prepared by President Boatwright, with a very few changes, was finally adopted. However, in its original form, Petersburg was given but nine Saturday at home. This, thought the Cockade representatives, was unfair, in view of the fact that Petersburg turned into the treasury of the league just \$300 less than Richmond. The discussion on this point waxed rather warmish at times, though it was obvious that a majority of the directors were in favor of retaining the week-end arrangement for Richmond. Secretary Bradley openly stated that he would be willing to switch two of the Saturday games, in fact two week-end series, with Petersburg.

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M'GRAW SIGNS NEW CONTRACT

New York, February 15.—John J. McGraw signed a new contract for five years with the New York National League club this afternoon. The contract was drawn by John W. Ward, and although no salary figures were made public by Secretary John B. Foster, it was said that \$20,000 might not be far out of the way. McGraw was said to have received \$15,000 last year. McGraw is beginning his thirteenth season with the New York club.

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ALL MANNER OF CARS WILL BE ON EXHIBIT FOR LOCAL MOTORISTS

Description of What Is to Be Seen in Horse Show Building During Entire Week—Sixty-Eight Varieties of Motor Vehicles on Display, Working Parts Laid Bare.

To the prospective purchaser of an automobile and for those who merely to satisfy their curiosity would know something of the many seemingly complex details connected with the latest steeds of gas, Richmond's first automobile show, which begins in the Horse Show Building to-morrow night at 8 o'clock, will furnish a school of instruction and an opportunity for inspection never before offered in any Southern city and in few of the metropolises of the United States. The automobile will be literally stripped to its naked hide. Hoods will be thrown away, and the bare chassis, with all the working parts clearly exposed, will be explained by experts who will be on hand in the several exhibits.

After one becomes accustomed to the glare of the lights and the softer tones of the decorations; forgets the crowd and the music and song, and arrives at the stage where serious contemplation of the advancement in automobile construction is wanted, a trip through the show building, stopping at each of the exhibits, will be in order. Some time will be required in studying the decoration scheme. As Japanese garden, built almost overnight, will greet the eye. Decorator Seidwitz didn't arrive until last Wednesday, and was unable to begin work until Thursday, yet in that brief space he has accomplished that which he started out to achieve. The garden is really there; was placed there by twenty men working day and night under instructions from the decorator.

Extensive Decorations.

Just to give an idea of the work which was required so that the esthetic sense of Richmond might not be jostled, a brief statement of the material used may prove interesting. First, there is 3,000 yards of denim, then 10,000 yards of bunting. Two thousand cedar trees have been distributed over the building, intertwined with 15,000 square feet of Southern smilax. To give the desired Japanese effect and to make the general scheme light and airy, so as to contrast with the ponderous machines on exhibition, 500 Japanese umbrellas have been placed. Some of these umbrellas are twelve feet in diameter, and at least two of them were sent to New York to be handpainted in the colors of the Richmond Automobile Club. These two will form the centrepiece.

In all more than 70,000 square feet have been covered by the decorator. The immensity of the task will be readily grasped by the visitor unless, the splendor and attractiveness of it all makes one forget that it is really man-made, and that the evergreens are not really growing. Yellow and blue and green are blended in such manner as to mellow the glare of the lights and to bring out in bold relief the exhibits. The decorations alone will prove an attraction.

As the visitor enters the building he will be greeted with the press stand, banded deep in flowers and growing plants, behind which will be men ready to give such information as may be desired. Ratcliffe and Tanner are responsible for this floral display, and they have done their work well. Passing the press stand to the left and walking toward the rear of the building the first exhibitor will be the Alsop Motor Company, with J. B. Alsop in charge. In this space will appear two K-R-I-T roadsters, a K-R-I-T touring car, and a chassis showing the working parts, including crank shaft, transmission and gears.

Diversity of Cars.

Next will be the Jones Motor Company, with a full and complete line of Cadillac cars. There will be a roadster "50," a phaeton "50," a six-passenger touring car "50," a five-passenger touring car "50," and four torpedoes. The chassis shown at the New York show, with the demonstrator, will be on hand, showing all of the working parts. The exhibit will be in charge of J. Ashby Jones.

Adjoining the Cadillac exhibit will be that of the Foster Motor Company, in charge of L. M. Foster. Here may be seen a Kline "40," five-passenger; Kline "60," seven-passenger; Buick roadster, a Pierce-Arrow chassis and a Kline motor with an electric self-starter.

The Lloyd Motor Company will be found in the next space. Mark R. Lloyd will smile upon those who visit the home of the Peerless and the Hupmobile. He will tell all of the fine qualities of these two cars, and will tell them convincingly. He will have on hand a Peerless "60-6" seven-passenger touring car and a Hupmobile "32" roadster.

After the Peerless comes D. A. Prentiss with his line of Stude-

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ORANGE AND BLUE WINS MILE EVENT

Though Georgetown Leads in Hopkins-Fifth Maryland Games, Virginia Reaps Glory.

Baltimore, Md., February 15.—Big Bob Eller, of Georgetown University, who for the past two years has showed good form in track events at various meets, did phenomenal work to-night at the Johns Hopkins-Fifth Maryland Games. The discussion on this point waxed rather warmish at times, though it was obvious that a majority of the directors were in favor of retaining the week-end arrangement for Richmond. Secretary Bradley openly stated that he would be willing to switch two of the Saturday games, in fact two week-end series, with Petersburg.

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TOURNEY BEGINS HERE TO-MORROW

Pocket Billiard Experts Will Try for Honors Before Large Audiences.

Beginning to-morrow afternoon and continuing until a winner has been named, the most pretentious pocket billiard tournament ever held in Richmond will take place at the Superior Billiard Academy. The contestants will play strings of 100 balls, the winner in each set to play the winner in the following set. It will be an elimination tourney, the surviving man being declared the champion of the event.

Such well-known cueists as Rogers, who aspires to world champion honors; Cox, who is the real champion of North Carolina; Malone, one-time champion of the world and still rated among the topnotchers; Williams, also a North Carolinian, but more recently partner with Frank Sherman in Washington, and John Hawkins, champion of Virginia, will compete.

The first match will be played to-morrow afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock. Williams and Malone will start the engagement. The second string will be played to-morrow night, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. The rules will be the same as those governing the De Oro-Sherman match. All the games will be played off. No betting on the games will be allowed. Three scratches in succession will forfeit a ball remaining on the table. The referee is to be appointed by the promoter. The first prize will be \$75; second prize, \$50; and third prize, \$25.

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